

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF O‘AHU GROUNDWATER RESOURCES AND URGE THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Chapter XI, Section 7 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution States, “The State has an obligation to protect, control and regulate the use of Hawai‘i’s water resources for the benefit of its people.” making water a trust resource; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facilities are located 100ft above O‘ahu’s Sole Source Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the US Navy’s Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facilities located at Kapūkaki have reportedly leaked 27,000 gallons of fuel from a single tank in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, in response to the leakage the U.S. Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Health (DOH) agreed to an 20-year Administrative Order of Consent (AOC); and

WHEREAS, in May 2021 there was a reported 1,000 gallon spill of fuel; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i Department of Health reported in May of 2021 that there was elevated soil vapor measurements indicating fuel leaking subsurface beyond the containment systems; and

WHEREAS, the US Navy has time and time again released contradictory claims, being less than transparent on the environmental impacts surrounding Red Hill fuel leakages in recent months and in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the Navy’s Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Summary reveals that there is a 27.6 % chance that the facility could leak up to 30,000 gallons of fuel every year

WHEREAS, the loss of O‘ahu’s Sole Source Aquifer would put further pressure on O‘ahu’s groundwater resources across the island impacting communities outside of those reliant on the Sole Source Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the loss of O‘ahu’s Sole Source Aquifer would result in intergenerational traumas and further burden generations to come; and

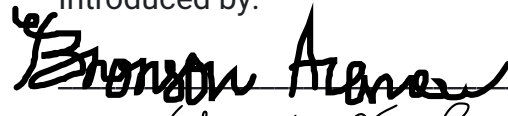
WHEREAS, Waiwai is wealth and water is imperative to the valued health and well-being of the environment and the people who are a part of that environment; and

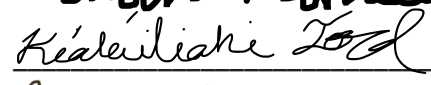
WHEREAS, the Honolulu Youth Commission per its Charter has a vested interest in advocating for a better future for the youth of Honolulu which includes the protection of an inherent trust resource such as water; and now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent electronically to the Mayor of Honolulu, members of the Honolulu City Council, Director of the Department of Health, Members of the Hawai‘i State legislature, members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, and Governor of the State of Hawai‘i; and

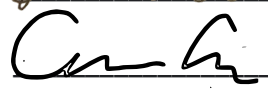
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, a letter demanding action from our elected officials to decommission the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facilities to protect O‘ahu’s groundwater resources, a trust resource, be sent electronically to the Mayor of Honolulu, members of the Honolulu City Council, Director of the Department of Health, Members of the Hawai‘i State legislature, members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, and the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i.

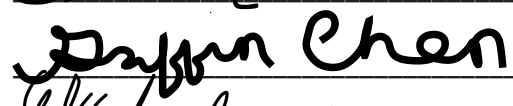
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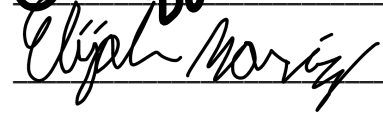
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